

AGENDA



Thursday, June 8, 2006

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ITEM 53

**Purchasing Service Agreement
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL
ACTION**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with THOMAS & BETTS CORP., Houston, TX, for transmission and distribution self-weathering and galvanized structures and steel poles in an estimated amount not to exceed \$7,671,906.10, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$7,671,906.10 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$38,359,530.50.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$7,671,906.10 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Capital Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Dolores Castillo, 512/322-6466

Prior Council Action:

Boards and Commission Action:

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of seven bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in accordance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

Additional Backup Material

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THOMAS AND BETTS
060806DC_BID TAB

Thomas Bett Fiscal Note
Steel Poles

This contract is for the purchase of tubular steel electric utility poles and structures for transmission and distribution construction and maintenance projects for Austin Energy. The contract will ensure a continued and timely supply of poles and structures to be used for construction of new power lines to meet the present and future needs of electrical customers and the upgrade of existing structures and poles as needed.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/1 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Six notices were issued including one MBE and one WBE. 11 solicitations were issued and seven bids were received with no response from MBE/WBE.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 68% increase to the last contract award January 2003.

The increase is due to higher costs in manufacturing steel and fuel charges for transportation.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Low bid.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.

CIP BUDGET
Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: 6/8/2006
WHERE ON AGENDA: Resolution
DEPARTMENT: Austin Energy

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Parent Project Name: **Distribution**
Project Authorization: 2005-2006 Approved Capital Budget

Current Appropriation	\$ 263,597,444.00	
Unencumbered Balance		\$ 8,604,308.85
Amount of This Action		<u>(7,671,906.10)</u>
Remaining Balance		<u>\$ 932,402.75</u>

Use of Remaining Balance:

Remaining funds will be used for design, construction, equipment, and material acquisition to complete the project.

Use of Any Remaining Funds After Completion of Project:

No remaining funds anticipated at this time.

Director, Planning and Budget Signature: J. E. Pokorny Date: 5/9/2006

AGENDA DATE: first available

**CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION
VENDOR NAME: POWELL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM**

BID TABULATION

IFB No. DC06100013

Transmission/Distribution – Self-weathering & Galvanized
Steel Structures, Poles & Hardware
(42 Line Items)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
JEM Enging. Tulsa, OK	\$4,644,616.00*
Thomas & Betts Houston, TX	\$7,671,906.10
ABB Austin, TX	\$8,720,608.30
TransAmerican Houston, TX	\$8,920,201.48
M.D. Henry Pelham, AL	\$9,993,550.19
Valmont-Newark Mansfield, TX	\$10,775,465.60
Pelco Struct. Claremore, OK	\$11,215,286.14

*JEM engineering was non-response since it only bid on a portion of the bid items.

Bid tabulation in on file in the Purchasing Office.